Examiner Zhen,

Per our telephone conversation, I have included herein amended independent claims 1, 13, and 25 which include limitations from dependent claims 12, 24, and 36, respectively. As discussed, please make an Examiner's amendment incorporating these amended claims 1, 13, and 25 into the application, and cancel claims 12, 24, and 36 without prejudice.

Thank you.

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1   1. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method for providing a
2   shared window for entering commands into a local computer system, wherein the
3   shared window can be shared with a remote user who can input data into the
4 ' shared window from a remote computer system subject to access control, the
5   method comprising:
6   receiving a command from the remote user on the remote computer
7   system at run time, wherein the command is in the form of an action applied to a
8   graphical user interface;
9   wherein the command is directed toward the local computer system in
10   order to operate the local computer system;
11   passing the command through a filtering process;
12   if the command passes the filtering process, executing the command on
13   the local computer system;
14   displaying the command on the shared window on the local computer
15   system so that a local user can view the command;

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16   allowing the command to be displayed on a remote copy of the shared

17   window on the remote computer system, so that the remote user can view the

18   command;

19   allowing a user of the local computer system to edit and complete the

20   command received from the remote user at run time; and

21   if the user of the local computer completes the command, allowing the

22   command to execute on the local computer system;

23   otherwise, not allowing the command to execute on the local computer.

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1   13. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing

2   instructions that when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform a

3   method for providing a shared window for entering commands into a local

4   computer system, wherein the shared window can be shared with a remote user

5   who can input data into the shared window from a remote computer system

6   subject to access control, the method comprising:

7   receiving a command from the remote user on the remote computer

8   system at run time, wherein the command is in the form of an action applied to a

9   graphical user interface;

10   wherein the command is directed toward the local computer system in

11   order to operate the local computer system;

12   passing the command through a filtering process;

13   if the command passes the filtering process, executing the command on

14   the local computer system;

15   displaying the command on the shared window on the local computer

16   system so that a local user can view the command;

17   allowing the command to be displayed on a remote copy of the shared

18   window on the remote computer system, so that the remote user can view the

19   command;

20   allowing a user of the local computer system to edit and complete the

21   command received from the remote user at run time; and

22   if the user of the local computer completes the command, allowing the

23   command to execute on the local computer system;

24   otherwise, not allowing the command to execute on the local computer.

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1   25. (Currently amended) An apparatus that provides a shared window for

2 entering commands into a local computer system, wherein the shared window can

3 be shared with a remote user who can input data into the shared window from a

4 remote computer system subject to access control, the apparatus comprising:

5   a receiving mechanism that is configured to receive a command from the

6 remote user on the remote computer system at run time, <u>wherein the command is in</u>

7 <u>the form of an action applied to a graphical user interface</u>;

8   wherein the command is directed toward the local computer system in order

9 to operate the local computer system;

10   a filtering mechanism that is configured to pass the command through a

11 filtering process, and to execute the command on the local computer system if the

12 command passes the filtering process;

13   a display mechanism that is configured to display the command on the

14 shared window on the local computer system so that a local user can view the

15 command;

16   wherein the display mechanism is configured to allow the command to be

17 displayed on a remote copy of the shared window on the remote computer system,

18 so that the remote user can view the command;

19   wherein the filtering mechanism is further configured to allow a user of the

20 local computer system to edit and complete the command received from the remote

21 user at run time;

22   wherein the filtering mechanism is further configured to allow the command

23 to execute on the local computer system if the user of the local computer completes

24 the command; and

25   wherein the filtering mechanism is further configured to not allow the

26 command to execute on the local computer system if the user of the local computer

27 does not approve the command.